Rural Landless and homeless labourers in Madhya Pradesh

2119. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of rural landless and homeless labbourers in Madhya Pradesh was conducted under a Centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) if so, what were the main findings of the scheme;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been granted to the State Government for providing land and houses to such landless and homeless labourers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The survey conducted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in 1971-72 identified 9.13 lakh rural landless families.

(c) and (d) The scheme was initially in the Central sector, the central assistance of Rs. 49.91 lakh was released to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. From 1-4-1974 this scheme was transferred to the State sector.

Setting up of zonal institutes for labour

2120. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up zonal institutes with administrative training and resource responsibilities for labour; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) There is no proposal to set up such Institutes.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of flats by DDA

2121. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases where the construction work in the DDA flats in various income groups was abandoned during the last three years, stating the year in which the construction work was taken in hand and the stage at which the construction work was abandoned;

(b) what are the reasons for abandoning the construction work and the amount paid to each of the contractors as against the amount payable according to the agreement; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to complete the unfinished flats and to recover the amount of penalty, if any, stipulated in the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Payment of daily wages to casual workmen

2122. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation to the effect that M/s. Weigh Bird (India) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bharat Process and Mech. Engineers Limited, a Government of India Undertaking, is paying casual workmen a daily wage of rupees 12/- per day which is much below the minimum wages fixed under the minimum wages Act; if so, what decision has been taken thereon; and

(b) whether these casual workmen who have been working 5 to 10 years at a stretch have not been made permanent so far; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) No representation